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SUBJECT: UNGA SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION: STEAM ROLLER TACTICS

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1. A/DCM CALLED ON OMRAN AL-SHAFEI, DIRECTOR INTL
ORG AFFAIRS, MFA ON JUNE 3 AND EXPRESSED CONCERN
OVER TACTICS USED BY NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE GROUP
(NACG) AT UNGA SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, MAKING POINTS
CONTAINED REFTTEL.

2. AL-SHAFEI SAID THAT IT WAS ENCOURAGING THAT
GENERAL RESPONSE TO HOLDING OF SPECIAL SESSION HAD
BEEN GOOD. HE HAD NOT, HOWEVER, ATTENDED SESSION
HIMSELF. IN VIEW OF LARGE NUMBER OF ECONOMIC
ISSUES WHICH WERE TO BE DISCUSSED, UNDERSECRETARY
KAMAL KHALIL HAD ATTENDED INSTEAD. AL-SHAFEI
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NEVERTHELESS, AS OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR

INTL ORG AFFAIRS, WISHED TO COMMENT ON MATTER OF TACTICS IN SPECIAL SESSION. HE SAID THERE WAS GREAT NEED FOR DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEMS RAISED IN THE SESSION. CONSEQUENTLY, IT WAS UNFORTUNATE IF THEY WERE NOT GIVEN AMPLE AIRING. ONLY THROUGH FULLEST COOPERATION CAN THE MANY PROBLEMS RAISED IN THE SPECIAL SESSION BE RESOLVED. HOWEVER, USG SHOULD BEAR IN MIND AT TIMES MEMBERSHIP OF NAGC WAS ACTING OUT OF FRUSTRATION, BECAUSE IN PAST YEARS THEIR EXPECTATIONS HAVE EXCEEDED THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF UN BODIES.

3. AL-SHAFEI CONTINUED IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO REALIZE PROBLEMS DISCUSSED IN SPECIAL SESSION COULD NOT BE SOLVED THROUGH REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OR BY BILATERAL ACTIVITY. COOPERATION FROM ALL SIDES WAS NECESSARY, ESPECIALLY THOSE STATES WITH THE GREATEST MEANS.

4. USG SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT NAGC HAS HAD A DIFFICULT TIME FOR MANY YEARS. IT HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF BEING ONE SIDED AND DURING THE OLD WAR YEARS UNFORTUNATELY ITS POSITION APPEARED MORE OFTEN THEN NOT TO LINE UP WITH COMMUNIST BLOC. THROUGH ALL OF THIS ONE SHOULD BEAR IN MIND NAGC STILL IS A CONGLOMERATION OF STATES WITH INDIVIDUAL POINTS OF VIEW.

5. EGYPT, AL SHAFEI SIAD, HAS ALWAYS BEEN PROMINENT IN NAGC. IT WAS IN CAIRO ECONOMIC CONFERENCE OF 1962, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT MANY OF THE IDEAS WHICH HAVE FOUND THEIR WAY INTO CURRENT DISCUSSIONS TOOK SHAPE. EGYPT HAS CONTINUOUSLY ESPOUSED A MODERATE ROLE IN NAGC. SHE INTENDS TO REMAIN A MODERATING INFLUENCE. EXTREME POSITIONS, AL-SHAFEI ASSERTED, LEAD TO NOTHING. HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR THE CHANCE TO DISCUSS MATTER OF TACTICS AT SPECIAL SESSION. HE BELIEVED THAT PERHAPS FURTHER CONSIDERATION COULD BE GIVEN TO HOW EGYPT MIGHT MAKE ITS POSITION OF MODERATION MORE EFFECTIVELY FELT.

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6. AL-SHAFEI POINTED OUT NAGC HAS WELCOMED DETENTE BETWEEN THE TWO SUPER POWERS. THERE IS A FEELING WITHIN THE GROUP THAT THEY SHOULD NOW CONTRIBUTE MORE TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE MORE ACTIVE. IT WAS IMPORTANT, THEREFORE, THAT THE NAGC AND THE NATIONS IN ITS MEMBERSHIP BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIVITY. THE UN IS PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT

ROLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS. IT IS HARD TO CONCEIVE HOW
PEACE-KEEPING FORCES COULD HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO
IMPLEMENT DISENGAGEMENT IN MIDDLE EAST WERE IT NOT
FOR UN. HIS OWN COUNTRY WAS GRATEFUL FOR RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA AND FOR MAGNIFICENT
ROLE PLAYED BY US. IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING
IMPORTANCE OF THE UN IN THIS NEW ERA, ALL NATIONS
MUST COOPERATE TO MAKE IT A MORE EFFECTIVE
INSTRUMENT AND NOT IN ANY WAY TO DETRACT OR TO
JEOPARDIZE IT RECEIVING ALL THE SUPPORT IT RIGHTFULLY
DESEARVES.

7. WILL ALSO CONTACT AMBASSADOR KHALIL IN
NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS SUBJECT.
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